GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO A.P. FOR VICTIMS OF CYCLONES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested for Centralassistance of around Rs.278 crores and allotment of additional quantity of rice and wheat for relief, restoration and rehabilitation of the victims of the unprecedented cyclone of October, 2001;

(b) if so, the assistance and other facilities provided so far;

(c) whether the Government of A.P. has sought further aid for carrying out further relief measures and asked for permission to seek World Bank or other foreign aid; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(d): The Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a Memorandum in the wakeof heavy rains/flash floods during September-October, 2001, seeking inter-alia assistance of Rs.278.26 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).This was considered by the High Level Committee (HLC), in its meeting held on28.12.2001 and, taking into account the request of the State Government, the report of the Central Team and the recommendations of the Inter Ministerial Group (IMG)thereon, the HLC approved an assistance of Rs.20.44 crore to the State of Andhra Pradesh and the amount has been released to the State Government. During 2001-02, 16.50 lakh MTs of foodgrains were allocated to the State, free of cost, under Food for Work Programme.